

First Baptist Church
223 Bull Street
Savannah
Chatham County
Georgia

HABS No. GA-1182

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Historic American Buildings Survey
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

STATE Georgia	COUNTY Chatham	TOWN OR VICINITY Savannah
STORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) First Baptist Church (from HABS Georgia Catalog)		HABS NO. GA-1182
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 223 Bull Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1833 (from HABS Georgia Catalog)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Elias Carter (from HABS Georgia Catalog)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Good example of Greek Revival Style of the pure temple form. Integral part of Savannah National Register Historic District. Rated as "Excellent" on Historic Savannah Foundation Survey.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Cast stone		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) 5-Bay front (60' x 102'); 1-story; temple form with gable roof.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE ". . . prostyle hexastyle Corinthian portico, entrances at each of three center bays, double doorways with cornices, window over each. Pilasters at corners and between each bay, windows on sides arched." Words "First Baptist Church" engraved on frieze above columns. (Quote from p. 327, HABS Georgia Catalog.)		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) "Meetinghouse plan with vestibule and auditorium, gallery over vestibule, choir loft behind pulpit." (Quote from p. 328, HABS Georgia Catalog)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Remodeled 1922. Architect Henrik Wallace.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Unknown; condition in 1966 appears good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Linley, John. The Georgia Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey. 1982 Historic Savannah Foundation. Historic Savannah. 1968. Located in Savannah National Register Historic District.		
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